



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 9813
Gerhard COUFAL : Docket No. 2001-0462A
Serial No. 09/830,074 : Group Art Unit 1624
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING PURE
MELAMINE

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 9813

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 9, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 14 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following new claims:

15. (New) A method for producing pure melamine wherein the melamine melt prepared from urea in a high-pressure process, optionally after stripping of the off-gases and optionally after dwelling in an ageing container, is cooled to a temperature which is about 1 to 50 °C above the melting point of melamine dependent on the respective ammonia pressure, with the addition of ammonia, after which quenching is effected with water or an aqueous ammonia- and/or melamine-containing solution or suspension and the melamine is solidified and isolated.